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NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

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IN RE: PETITION FOR ARBITRATION)
OF AN INTERCONNECTION)
AGREEMENT BETWEEN BELL SOUTH)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC, AND)
US LEC OF TENNESSEE, INC.)
PURSUANT TO SECTION 252(B) OF)
THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT)
OF 1996)

EXHIBIT 12-1

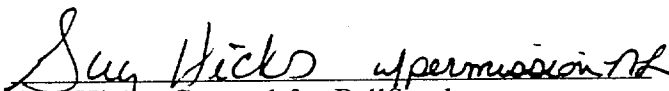
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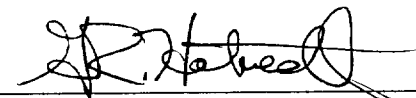
ORDER

As evidenced by their signatures below, the parties to the above captioned proceeding have jointly requested a thirty (30) day suspension of the procedural schedule for the purpose of attempting to arrive at a complete settlement of all outstanding issues.

For good cause shown, the motion is granted, effective December 11, 2000.

Dated December 11, 2000


Guy Hicks, Counsel for BellSouth


Gary Hotvedt, Hearing Officer


Henry Walker, Counsel for US LEC of Tennessee, Inc.

ATTEST:



K. David Waddell